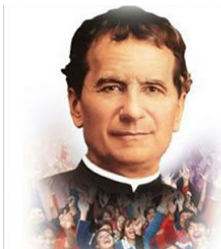


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WEEKLY BULLETIN

St. John Bosco Novena Masses

A Novena is nine days of private or public devotion in the Catholic Church to obtain special graces. The heart of any Novena is the same as the first one called by our Lord Himself (Acts 1:4). In this biblical account where the Apostles and the Blessed Virgin Mary are gathered in the Upper Room after the ascension for nine days, Jesus commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father.



On the day after Ascension the Church often enters in to a Novena to the Holy Spirit, which culminates with the Feast of Pentecost. In our own day it is time to reach into the treasure house of the traditions of prayer within the Church and pull out treasures old and new. The Novena is just such a treasure.

Nine day vigils were noted in Church history from the third century onward. Still today, whenever we undertake a novena of prayer, we are declaring that same supreme desire to wait for the promise, persevering with confidence until the end.

Either as a public or personal observance, a novena involves nine days of hopeful anticipation of an answer for the petition or intention for which prayers are being offered.

There are a number of Novenas, most of which focus upon Mary, St. Joseph, the Sacred Heart, particular Saints, a special theme such as Divine Mercy or the Holy Family, or preparing for Special Feasts. Parishes often offer a novena of Masses.

Prepare for
The Feast of St. John Bosco
by joining in the
Novena of Masses
Sunday Jan 22 - Monday Jan 30
7:30 pm

and

Celebrate
The Feast of St. John Bosco
At all the weekend masses on
Saturday January 29 & Sunday January 30
and on the actual feast day
Tuesday January 31
7:30 pm

"Whatever you do, think of the Glory of God as your main goal."
St. John Bosco

Virtual Visitation



Join us for a Virtual Visitation Series on

Magnificat Spirituality

This Virtual Visitation Series will enrich our understanding of the mission and spirituality of Magnificat, this blessed women's ministry in the life of the Church.

The series features exhortations, teaching, prayer for healing, intercession, reparation and praise.

Thursdays

7:30 pm—8:30 pm

January 26, February 23, March 23, April 27

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3355996295?pwd=VGZOR3lSejZuUERLa0VBSDZOUTIPZz09>

Meeting ID: 335 599 6295

Passcode: MotherMary

Confirmation Commitment Ceremony

Tuesday January 17
During 7:30 PM Mass



CANDIDATES MEET IN PARISH HALL AT 7:00 PM

FOR ALL PARENTS, SPONSORS, CANDIDATES AND PARISHIONERS

FACILITATORS OF THE CONFIRMATION SESSIONS WILL RECEIVE A BLESSING DURING THE CEREMONY

Special Thanks...to all the Bakers!

for the Assorted
Homemade Speciality Cookies

To the parishioners who gave of their time, talent and ingredients to bake over

3,400 cookies to create 107 beautiful boxes:



Peg Wyatt, Anna Petrecca, Maria Galluzzi, Angela Iacobazzi, Vicky Rousselle, Carmen Tropea, Catherine Mercuri, Filomena Marrelli, Mariel and Marilyn Cabrera, Rema Celio, Jean Woods, Nicki Pinitore, Suzanne Thibeault, Ben Goetz, Christina La, Denise Chun, Janice Mancini, Jean Fernandes, Maria Di Nicolantonio, Feiona Persaud, Teresa Di Palma, Filomena Toma, Maria Marrielli, Nancy Romeo, Christina Vescia, Samantha Innocencio, Catharine Violante, Nicole Paties, Nicole Violante, Samantha Paulic and Janet Huitema

Together we raised over \$1,500!

The proceeds benefit Gospel Roads, a Salesian service retreat for youth to be held this year in Toronto.

Thank you!

Sunday January 15, 2023 – 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



**Society of
Saint Vincent de Paul**

Thank You!

Christmas 2022

Our appreciation is extended to the staff, children and parents of St. Benedict, St. Stephen and Holy Child schools for their food drive contributions. A special thank you goes to Msgr. Johnson Secondary School for sponsoring 15 families and providing food and grocery and Walmart gift cards. We appreciate your generosity.

We are very grateful for the cash and cheque donations from individual parishioners and families. We extend a special thank you to the Sewing Group ladies for their donation from the bazaar and for sorting the toys again this year, and to the Knights of Columbus for their continued financial help and generosity throughout the year. We also appreciate the parishioners who donated the toys and gift certificates that made the children's Christmas more enjoyable.

We couldn't manage without the wonderful volunteers – the collectors, the sorters, the packers, the "breakfast crew" and the Squires, Knights and drivers who delivered the food hampers to our "neighbors in need". This year we had help from students in Grade 5 at St. Benedict's school and from a group of students from Msgr. Johnson who came to help with the sorting and packing. Thank you all very much!

We especially thank the people who regularly contribute to our poor boxes at the Church entrances and to those who remember us with Memorial donations for their loved ones. This money is the foundation for helping those in need during the year.

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

To request a mass intention, contact Susan:
speresso@archtoronto.org /416-743-3830 X0

Monday, January 16

8:00am Gretta, Maurice & Jim Fay by Mary

Tuesday, January 17

8:00am John Gallego by Mom

7:30pm Confirmation Commitment Ceremony Mass

Wednesday, January 18

8:00am Deceased members of the Tramontozzi & Cellucci families by family

Thursday, January 19

8:00am Leo McKenna by Cathy

Friday, January 20

8:00am Maria Rossi D'Andrea by Marisa & Aldo D'Andrea

Saturday, January 21

8:00am Elena Napolitano by Anna Maria & Tony Cornacchia

5:00pm Enrico Vittori by Maria Vittori & family

Sunday, January 22

8:00am Robert George by the George family

9:30am Amedeo Fortino (Ital/Ch) by the family

9:30am Cal Tanti by Teresa Di Palma & family (Eng/Hall)

11:00am Trieste Marcelli & Mafalda Giovannoni by Marcelli family

12:45pm For the People



Pray for the Dead

**James Hilferty, Thomas Edward Stremble,
Marian Sammut, Bill Turner**

Pray for the Sick

Mary Lynne Gallagher, Fr. Joseph Ho, SDB,
Lois McDowell, Lidia Scaccia, Dan McKinnon,
Tom McGlynn, Cathy Proietti, Vincent Sguassero,
Alessio Firreira, Steve Cawthorne, Assunta Di Felice,
Fr. Patrick Kilgariff & Doris Roy

*Parishioners wishing prayer from our parish family are
asked to call Susan Peresso: 416-743-3830*



2022 Donor Wish List Parish Community Update

The Donor wish list ended on December 31, 2022.

An update will be provided regarding the remaining projects by June 30, 2023.



**SANTO NIÑO DE CEBU
NOVENA AND MASS
JANUARY 12-20, 2023
8 AM**

**FEAST DAY MASS
SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 2023
11 AM
ST. BENEDICT CHURCH**

WISH LIST	Amount Collected	Status
1. Plaster/Paint Window Sills	\$ 4,000.00	Work to be completed
2. Replace Storage Room Windows	\$ 500.00	Work to be completed
3. Replace Inline Backwater Valve	\$ 4,500.00	Work to be completed
4. Annual Boiler Maintenance	\$ 1,500.00	COMPLETED
5. Boiler Water Treatment	\$ 1,000.00	COMPLETED
6. Parking Line Marking	\$ 500.00	COMPLETED
7. Parking Lot Curb Repair & Patching	\$ 8,958.00	Work to be completed
8. Parking Lot Crack Sealing	\$ 2,500.00	Work to be completed
9. Laundry Room Floor	\$ 3,567.00	COMPLETED
10. Replace old Internet Routers	\$ 1,250.00	COMPLETED